Algebra 2 Advanced Course Policies
Mrs. Bassler

Contact Info
The best way to get a hold of me is by e-mail: GBassler@dist113.org
I usually do not check my email in the evenings or on weekends. So please remember that I may not get an email before school starts the next day. I will try to get back to you within one school day.

Schedule
I teach in X115 during 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 8th periods. My planning periods are during 1st, 4th, and 6th periods. To ensure that I am available at a given time, please make an appointment and I will gladly be there to help you!

Required Materials
The following materials are to be brought to class every day:
- TI-Nspire CX CAS graphing calculator
- 2” three-ring binder
- Dividers for Notes, Homework, Handouts, and paper
- Loose-leaf paper with 3 hole punch (No spiral fringes please!!!)
- Graph paper
- Lots of pencils! (A few colored pencils will be helpful for diagrams and graphs.)
- Textbook: Prentice Hall “Algebra 2” (can be left in locker or at home)

Course Description
In this class, students will explore linear equations and inequalities, systems of equations and inequalities, transformations of functions, quadratics, complex numbers, probability and statistics, exponentials, logarithms, radical expressions, rational exponents, polynomial functions, and introductory trigonometry.

Expectations
- There is no food allowed in class. You may bring a drink if you would like.
- Cell phones and smart watches are not allowed during class. They must be turned off and stored in the cell phone caddy when you enter the classroom, and they may be retrieved when the bell rings at the end of class.
- I expect you to come prepared for class. This includes completing each homework assignment and checking your solutions on Schoology before class begins, bringing all necessary materials to class, and being on time.
- Please be respectful of your classmates. Respect others when they are speaking and when they are working.
- Please use respectful and appropriate language in the classroom.
- I expect you to work collaboratively and productively with your classmates on partner or group activities.
- I expect you to try your best, use mistakes as a learning opportunity, and have fun!

In turn, you can expect me to listen to and respect all of your ideas and opinions. You can expect me to answer your questions to the best of my ability and help you make a plan to improve your understanding of the material. You can expect me to make mistakes - I’m human, too! You can expect me to have fun!

Remember that Deerfield Warriors are committed to the Warrior Way!
**Grading Scale**

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**Semester Grades**

Each semester grade is calculated by adding 80% of the combined quarter grades to 20% of the Final Exam Grade. (So 2nd quarter grades will be a continuation of the 1st quarter grade.) Rounding percentages to achieve the next letter grade will only be considered when calculating the final Semester Grade.

**Quarter Grades**

The combined 1st/2nd Quarter grades will be based on the following:

**Assessments - 90% of quarter grades**

- **Quizzes:** Typically, you can expect 1-2 quizzes per chapter. Quizzes may or may not be announced beforehand.
- **Tests:** At the end of each unit, a test will be given to assess your understanding of the material.
- **Other:** Other assignments or activities may be used to assess your understanding of the material.

*Please get in the habit of studying for your math assessments as you would for a test/quiz in any other class.*

*You must write in pencil on all assessments. One point will be taken off your test/quiz grade if you write in pen.*

**Homework, Online Practice, and Retention Reviews - 10% of quarter grades**

- **Homework:** You can anticipate homework to be given each time class meets. I will periodically check the homework for completion at the beginning of the class period. To receive full credit, your homework must include your name, the day number, the page number, and the problem numbers at the top of the paper. You must also write down the pertinent information from the original problem. If the problem includes a diagram, the diagram must be copied onto your homework as well. You must show enough work to demonstrate that you tried to do the problem. Simply writing a question mark or the original problem is **not** sufficient. You will receive a stamp on your assignment sheet for a complete homework assignment. At the end of each unit, you will turn in your stamps and receive 5 points per stamp.

*Late assignments will be accepted for 2 points up until the day of the unit test.*

*All problems must be checked with the answer key posted on Schoology before arriving to class.*

*Make sure to show all corrections to your homework if they are presented in class.*

- **Online Practice:** Each student will create a Delta Math account to use in this class. Problems on Delta Math may be assigned for homework, for practice in class, or as a long-term assignment.

- **Retention Reviews:** A Retention Review (RR) will be given as an assignment after each unit test. You will usually have about 5-7 days to complete each RR. It will include problems from previous units, and it may be assigned on Delta Math or as a worksheet. RR’s are worth 10 points each. For each day that a RR is turned in late, 2 points will be deducted from the total score.

**Academic Honesty**

It is fine to work with a partner and help each other with homework problems. I encourage you to share ideas with one another and seek different problem solving strategies from your peers. However, directly copying another person’s assignment is unacceptable. Students found copying homework, Retention Reviews, or other assignments will receive a grade of zero for that assignment and a Deans Referral.

Any student found cheating on a test or a quiz will receive a grade of zero as well. In addition, there will be a call home and the deans will be notified. **Note that cheating on an assessment includes discussing/posting the contents of the assessment with a student that has yet to take the assessment in another section of the class.**
**Absences**

Attendance is an important component to your learning in this class. Clearly, the more you are present, the more you are able to learn!

- It is your responsibility to find out what notes and activities you may have missed. Either contact a classmate or email me. Notes may occasionally be posted on Schoology, and homework worksheets will always be posted.
- You must make up tests or quizzes in the Testing Center during one of your free periods, before school, or after school.
- You have as many days as you were absent to make up all missing work, including homework, quizzes, tests, and in-class assignments. (i.e. If you are absent one day, you get one extra day to make up all missing work.)
- If you are able, it is in your best interest to try to keep up with the notes and homework assignments while you are absent so that you do not get behind. If you email me the morning of your absence, I can let you know what you are missing so that you can keep up with the class while you are at home.

**School-Related Absences**

- If you will be absent from class due to a field trip or other school function, you must speak with me prior to the absence.
- You will be expected to complete assignments, tests, and quizzes at the same time as the rest of the class (i.e. you will be expected to turn in all homework and take tests and quizzes that may occur on the day of your return).
- If you are absent the day of a test or a quiz, you are to go to the Testing Center to make it up the day you return, or you can take it early. Point may be deducted if assessments are not completed within this timeframe.

**Tardies**

A student that is not in their seat ready to work when the bell rings is considered tardy.

Every third tardy will result in a Deans' Referral.

**Getting Help**

If you need help with the material, there are many different resources you can choose from:

- Ask a friend! Two brains are usually better than one!
- Go to the Academic Resource Center (ARC) in Q119/Q121. Students may drop by Monday through Friday for help from 7:15 am until 3:15 pm. Help is available from instructional aides (Mrs. Clark and Mr. Simon), math teachers, and volunteer student tutors.
- Use the internet! The Khan Academy has some great video tutorials at www.khanacademy.org.
- Ask me! Set up an appointment to see me before or after school or during one of my planning periods.

**Calculator Registry**

Please fill out the Google Form posted on Schoology to register your calculator (if you have not done so in the past). If a calculator is found and turned in, the registry will help to return the calculator to the owner.

**Something you should read**

Thank you for taking the time to read all of the course policies for Mrs. Bassler’s Algebra 2 Advanced class! Remember to fill out your Student Information Sheet for homework. On the very bottom of your Student Information Sheet that you will turn in, please put the words “Fibonacci Sequence”.

You may also want to Google this and see what it means!